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Liturgical Date: Year C, Lent 5, 3rd April 2022

Presenter ***Rev Alan Robinson***

Focus Readings John 12:1-8 (2 Corinthians 2:14-16a)

Message 8 minutes 30 seconds ***“The Sweet Fragrance of Jesus”***

Discussion Starters

- 1** Have you ever sold a house or bought one because of the smell of baking bread? What are your favourite smells?
- 2** Can you recall a time when someone shared with you deeply about their life and its struggles (Don't name the person or place)? What was their experience like for them and you?
- 3** In the light of today's message, what attracts you to the fellowship where you worship? How might what you find there be further enriched? What are the obstacles to honest sharing?
- 4** What kind of fragrance might the wider community experience of your church's life and mission?

Lectionary readings for the day

Isaiah 43:16-21 God delivered the Israelites from Egypt long ago, but God is not finished. God continues to create, redeem, and restore.

Psalms 126 The psalmist remembers the mighty acts of God in the past and boldly asks God to restore Israel in the present.

Philippians 3:4b-14 Although Paul did everything right according to the law, he discovered in Christ a whole new way of being in relationship with God and neighbour. This new way made everything else look meager by comparison.

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All Age Message Rev Alan Robinson ***“Giving Him Our Best”***

Length 4 minutes 40 seconds

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Precious things! Do we ever want to part with things that are very precious to us? Mary wanted to give Jesus her very best to show her love for him so she washed his feet with very expensive perfume. Jesus soon would lay down his life for Mary, you and I. It was a free gift but a costly gift – cost Jesus his life. In return he wants us to give our whole lives.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 126, Page 342.

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